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CONDITIONS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in response to the Office Action issued March 2, 2005 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application. A response to this Action originally was due June 2, 2005. Applicant's representative have enclosed a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time along with the required fee, thereby extending the deadline to September 2, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment and Reply is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.